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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
FRIEDRICH FISCHER : EXAMINER: WILLIAMS, T.
SERIAL NO: 09/414,856 :
FILED: OCTOBER 12, 1999 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3613
FOR: DEVICE FOR STORING ENERGY
IN SPRING STORAGES

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2000, please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 31, 33-36 and 39 as follows:

31. (Amended) [The device according to claim 30,] Device for storing spring energy generated by relative displacement of a stationary retaining element and a mobile runner, which comprises:

at least two springs arranged between the retaining element and the runner, wherein a first end portion of each spring is attached to the retaining element, the two springs being biasable in temporal succession, upon relative displacement into a first direction, and being able to release spring energy in temporal succession, upon relative displacement into a second direction opposite to said first direction,